IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

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In re Application of:

Lirio Quintero

Serial No.: 10/023,273

Filed: December 14, 2001

For: Surfactant-Polymer Composition

for Substantially Solid-Free Water §

Based Drilling, Drill-in and

Completion Fluids

Group Art Unit: 1712

Examiner: Tucker, P.

Atty. Docket: B154-26969

AMENDMENT AND ARGUMENT FILED WITH RCE IN RESPONSE TO ADVISORY ACTION

Mail Stop AF Commissioner for Patents PO Box 1450 Alexandria, Virginia 22313-1450

Sir:

In response to the Advisory Action of December 2, 2004, Applicant respectfully requests that the examiner enter the RCE and amend the application as follows:

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 41 of this paper.